

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph 0020 of the substitute specification as follows.

[0020] Fig. 2 is a graphic which shows a typical time variation of the regeneration of the nitrogen oxide storage catalytic converter.

Fig. 3 is a diagram illustrating a relationship between air/fuel ratio change and time.

Fig. 4 is a sequence diagram illustrating how an increased or decreased air/fuel ratio is set.